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TO : Deputy Assistant Director for Operations DATE: 10 Mar 53

FROM : P&C Staff

SUBJECT: Meeting Held by AD/IC on 9 Mar 53 Regarding FDD's Declassification Policy and Practice

REF: Memorandum dated 26 Feb 53 from AD/O to AD/IC - Subject: Declassification Policy and Practice of FDD

1. Representatives of interested offices expressed their satisfaction in the current FDD policy and practice as outlined in reference, excepting the OSI member who stated the following needs and opinions in connection with the proposed OSI project for the National Service Foundation:

25X1A a. When the mechanism planned by OSI is established for NSF to get all Soviet orbit publications available from the Library of Congress and when NSF becomes repository for available translations thereof, according to [] the OSI analysts then could do their evaluating from complete translations done by scientists through the USA (or by the mechanical translator?). In view of classified requirements being one reason for classification of responsive FDD reports, with complete translations available via NSF, [] says that OSI no longer would need to serve pinpointed requests for FDD "exploitation" as it does now to save FDD the time it takes to do the preferable translations. (Because of other IAC Agencies' demands, this would not effect FDD selective reporting besides changing the distribution lists for reports containing collated or exploited scientific information. For 1953 OSI had estimated FDD translation will be required of 14,000 unclassified pages and 15,000 classified pages, this estimate based on the 1952 record).

25X1A b. At this point Mr. Bagnall reminded the meeting that FDD renders two types translation service, one from classified source materials belonging to other Offices and the other done under contract from unclassified materials (the latter product forwarded in unpublished form, unclassified but for the Restricted cover sheet giving the CIA number for CTS by which copy can be ordered from OCD). [] said he was interested in the detachable cover sheet device (paragraph 3 of reference) being applied to the second category of translation service, i.e., the UT product. I know no reason why OO cannot condone this.

2. Both the ORR and the OIS representatives then said they, too, would like to see greater use of the removable cover sheet on unclassified underlying pages of translation. [] of OIS said the small volume of declassified FDD reports needed by his office for "trade goods" or for operations did not warrant any blanket change in FDD practice.

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3. [] I&S, in sympathy with OO efforts towards source protection, spoke of earlier data assembled by FDD showing the Soviet restrictions already put on orbit publications for export. Those present were reminded again of the difference between FDD straight translations and FDD selective reporting, and of the latter's need for classification.

4. It is expected that AD/IC will request AD/O to restate the declassification policy described in referenced memorandum, if it is considered that more FDD translations (as against information reports) can carry the statement that the document becomes unclassified when the cover identifying CIA is removed.

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